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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing today to voice my sentiments about the Microsoft case. Why this case ever went to court in the first place is beyond me. Microsoft has done nothing but help consumers. It is not Microsoft's fault that their competitors were less intelligent and less innovative than Microsoft was. Bill Gates had some amazing ideas and did a great job putting them in the market and making good money from them. That's the American way. I certainly hope that the government doesn't make another mistake like their breakup of AT&T. That was certainly a mess and did cause harm to consumers.

Microsoft is conceding a great deal in this controversy so that they can concentrate on future endeavors, not costly legal debates. They are giving their competitors unprecedented amounts of technology information and will give consumers more choice in their computer programs. I think this is more than fair, and I am sure that it will promote competition in the computer industry.

Please uphold this settlement and ensure our country's place in the international marketplace,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Doris Loevner".

Doris Loevner